GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5177
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CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT AT KARGIL
GADDAM GANGA REDDY;RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount spent in the construction of Kargil airport has gone waste due to shelling by the Pakistan last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent thereon so far;

(c) whether efforts are being made to reconstruct the airport; and

(d) if so, the cost involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) and (b):- No, Sir. Minor damage like a crate of size of 120 cm in diameter and 30 cm in depth was caused to the runway surface due to the shelling. The cost involved in the repair was nominal as the runway surface work was going on. The work remained suspended till the restoration of normalcy and the working seasons during 1998 and 1999 were lost.

(c) and (d):- Construction work resumed after hostility in the region was over. 65% of work relating to terminal building and 79% that of runway surface are over. The entire project is estimated at Rs. 38 crores.